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- (1) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. (A) 03-187580, (KYOCERA CORP), published August 15, 1991;
- (2) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. (A) 64-028609, (SONY ✓ CORP), published January 31, 1989;
- (3) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. (A) 04-264511, (KONICA ✓ CORP), published September 21, 1992;
- (4) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. (A) 07-283991, (CANON ✓ INC), published October 27, 1995;
- (5) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. (A) 2000-287170, ✓ (MATSUSHITA JOHO SYSTEM KK), published October 13, 2000; and
- (6) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. (A) 06-205377, ✓ (TOKYO ELECTRIC POWER CO INC: THE), published July 22, 1994.

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